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FOUR-YEAR FIGHT FOR LIFE ENDS

A Penny for your Thoughts

"What do you think the United States should do about Castro and Cuba?"

Answering were:

Mrs. Pat Magistrale, 1743 W. 257th Street, Lomita, housewife:

"I am real interested in what is happening and I have read all I can about it but have no definite opinion formed as to just what we can do. I think possibly the people themselves will rebel against Castro and his government. We have quite a few interests there so I don't see how we can do much. It's too bad that we aren't better at propaganda, so we could work that angle more, but then, could it be gotten into the people?"

Mrs. Ron Bateman Sr., 21225 Talisman St., housewife:

"I don't know if we could really do much. I think we should leave well enough alone, but I don't see how we can with the amount of American interests that are at stake down there. I think just the loss of the tourist trade from America alone has hurt them financially, but Castro probably has enough money from other sources to make up for it."

Velma Huggins, 2811 Knode Street, clerical worker:

"I think they should get rid of Castro but just how is another question and one I don't know how to answer. We take might get too much retaliation from other countries and a lot of innocent people would get hurt."

Geraldine Umer, 1522 1/2 W. 205th Street, housewife:

"I certainly don't agree with his ideas. It seems every time we try to do anything, Castro threatens to take more of the American interests away and we have quite an amount of them there. I real, think he is desperate enough to follow through on his threats."

Mrs. Louise McTeer, 1582 W. 218th Street, housewife:

"I'm from Florida originally and I know that most of the people here are really concerned as to what the outcome will be. I don't think Castro would make the threats he is making if he couldn't follow through. I don't think it's that important a country that we have to fight Russia for it, even though it is in such close proximity to the United States."

City Studying Nine Rubbish Disposal Bids

Nine proposals by private rubbish contractors ranging from a bid of 78 cents per pick-up point per month to a high of \$1.80 for twice-a-week service were opened by the city Tuesday and will be presented to the council for consideration next Tuesday evening.



H. C. McCLELLEN Issues Call for Action

In Politics

Executives Hear Plea For Action

Businessmen must realize that their responsibilities in political affairs are inescapable, a group of the city's leading business and industrial executives were told here Tuesday by H. C. McClellen, businessman and director of the U.S. exhibit recently in Moscow.

Speaking at the Palms to a group of about 30 executives, McClellen declared that in a democratic republic such as ours, "the kind of government we get depends upon the kind of citizens we are."

"TO INSURE good government in Washington," he said, "we must do good work at the precinct level."

He asked the executives to re-evaluate their responsibilities toward good government and to assume an active role in the coming political campaign.

HE EMPHASIZED especially that businessmen and women, "presumably well-informed on economics, must lend their influence and effort in support of sound fiscal policies in national affairs."

McClellen is president of the Old Colony Paint & Chemical Co. of Los Angeles, and has served as a special advisor to various groups, including an assignment as an economic advisor to Chile.

He arranged for and directed the U.S. exhibit in Moscow recently, the exhibit famous as the site of the "Kitchen Debate" between Vice President Richard Nixon and Soviet Premier Khrushchev.

Schools, Banks, Businesses Close

Summer school classes, banks, industries, and most business establishments will be closed next Monday, Independence Day.

Offices of the HERALD will be closed on Monday, but regular deadlines will be in effect on Tuesday, July 5.

Apparent low bidder was Andrew V. Hohn, who proposed that his firm pick up all of the city's rubbish for the 78 cents a month per stop fee. In his and seven other proposals, the city would be required to do the billing.

The ninth bidder, Serv-Rite Disposal Assn., would do its own billing under the terms of its proposal.

AN ALTERNATE to the contract bids was a proposal to split the city into several franchise zones and let different haulers operate in the zones.

Present cost of disposal is computed by the city to be about \$1.65 per stop per month. About 10 cents more should be added if depreciation of the present city dump, or \$1 a ton dumping fees at the county dump are added.

A COST TO THE city above the \$1 a month collected from each user is about \$150,000, the HERALD was told.

Under the plan in operation here for several years, the city picks up all combustible rubbish and trash with municipal crews and equipment, and a private contractor collects noncombustibles (cans and bottles) and garbage. The private contractor is paid on a formula based on the city's electrical meter count (about 28,500 at present), and cost for the current year is estimated at \$109,000.

ACTUAL RUBBISH pick-up points have been estimated by the city to be about 25,000 and garbage pickups only a fraction of that because of the many new homes with automatic garbage disposers.

An analysis of the bids is now being made by city officials and will be presented to the city council Tuesday.

IN THE MEANTIME, residents of the city may begin mixing combustible and non-combustible trash for pickup after July 1. The city council recently approved the recommendation for the city to pick up everything but garbage. The private contractor will continue to pick up garbage until other arrangements have been made by the city.

213th Street Dominguez Bridge Voted

Plans and specifications for the construction of a bridge, approaches and channel work on 213th St. across Dominguez Channel were approved today by County Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Simultaneously, the Board of Supervisors called for bids on the job which will be opened next July 26. The contract work is scheduled for completion in April, 1961.

Designed by the Los Angeles County Road Department, the job will consist of constructing a two-lane, reinforced concrete deck bridge 256 feet long with safety curbs on both sides.



CONTRACTS AWARDED . . . Bids to construct the modern new Harbor General Hospital here have been analyzed and the contract awarded on a proposal more than \$2.5 million under the estimated cost. The 615-bed hospital and clinic will be completed in October, 1962, according to present schedules.

Price of Modern Hospital Trimmed by \$2.5 Million

Award of a \$11,584,950 contract for construction of the advanced concept Los Angeles County Harbor General Hospital and Outpatient Clinic was made today by the County Board of Supervisors.

Construction is scheduled to begin this fall with completion set for October, 1962, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Location will be the easterly portion of the existing Harbor General Hospital site in the Torrance area, between Carson and 220th Streets at Vermont Avenue.

ALTHOUGH the County had originally budgeted \$12,400,000 for the hospital acute unit and \$1,700,000 for the clinic, the Harbor General Hospital architects, a joint venture composed of Welton Becket, Adrian Wilson, Paul R. Williams and Francis J. Heusel, were able to so design the structures that the low bid by Robert E. McKee for the construction contract was \$10,034,100 for the acute unit and \$1,550,850 for the clinic, a total of \$2,515,050 under the budget.

Original plans were to use a previously passed \$12,400,000 bond issue for the acute unit and to build the clinic from money in the County's general fund. As a result of the low bid, however, both units can now be constructed from the bond money, leaving the general fund intact and resulting in lower tax rates, Chace stated.

AS DEVELOPED by the architects, plans call for a fully air-conditioned eight-story, 615-bed acute hospital, featuring a two-story wing which will house one of the largest hospital laboratory sections in the United States, and an adjoining two-story outpatient clinic equipped to handle 9000 patients per month.

Funds for the acute hospital were provided by a bond issue passed in November, 1956, but the project was delayed an entire year when it was determined that the more elaborate hospital originally sought, complete with residence units and maintenance buildings, would carry an excessive cost in view of the available funds. In January, 1959, the architects were instructed to study methods of reducing the scope of the project.

PRELIMINARY drawings which were well within the budget were completed two months ahead of schedule and approved by the Board of Supervisors in December, 1958.

Design of the 400,000-square-foot acute unit is on the highly efficient central core nursing unit plan, with a service core in the center and patient rooms on the periphery. Two such self-contained units will be located on each nursing floor.

PLANS CALL for seven medical and surgical nursing units and separate nursing units for pediatrics, obstetrics, and mental health. The surgical suite will contain nine operating rooms.

The adjoining two-story laboratory wing, which can be expanded to three stories to meet future needs, will contain 24 separate laboratories, morgue and autopsy rooms, a medical library for the staff, and a branch of the Los Angeles County Library for patients.

ON THE Outpatient Clinic, Francis J. Heusel is principal architect with Welton Becket, Adrian Wilson, and Paul R. Williams as associate architects. Included will be eye, ear, nose, throat, dental, urology, orthopedic, pediatric, general medical and surgical, physical therapy, and occupational therapy clinics, providing a wide range of medical treatment through the County Department of Charities.

Parking will be provided for 1000 automobiles.

City Holds Area Lead In Building

While most of Southern California is reporting a drop in building activity, Torrance continues to move along at an amazing clip according to a release from the statistical department of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

Only Los Angeles and Long Beach lead Torrance in value of building permits issued in the first five months of 1960. Los Angeles with \$253,963,000 tops the list although down almost \$32 million from the corresponding period in 1959.

Long Beach follows with \$30,357,000 with Torrance a strong third with \$18,285,000. Beverly Hills and Santa Monica; both with only 1/2 the total of the All-American City, follows.

The 5-month figure for 1959 was only \$10 1/2 million which means Torrance has increased its building activity at a whopping \$7 1/2 million in the first 5 months of 1960.

Fumes Victim Succumbs to Plant Mishap

A young Torrance industrial worker who had been hospitalized and in a coma for more than four years as the result of sulphur dioxide gas poisoning in a freak 1956 accident succumbed to those injuries Tuesday at Torrance Memorial Hospital.

Korean War Veteran William Oates Skipper, 28, of 2435 Cabrillo Ave., died four years, two months, and one week after the accident at the Wilmington Plant of the Union Oil Co.

He had been in a coma most of that time.

SKIPPER WAS one of seven men overcome by gas fumes while working on a cracking unit and saved from certain death by quick action of two other workmen in what was termed an heroic action.

At the time, it was reported that Skipper's heart had stopped beating and that rescue workers spent more than half an hour administering artificial respiration to revive him.

Officials at the plant explained that the workers had been working in a shut-off unit, and that the deadly gas evidently came through a leak in the mechanism.

ALTHOUGH two of the other seven were injured, Skipper was the most seriously hurt.

A native of Alabama, he had been a resident here about three years prior to the accident.

His remains are to be shipped to Headlin, Alabama for services and interment.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Skipper of Alabama, one sister, Mrs. Mary Evans of 2435 Cabrillo, and one brother, James, in the U.S. Army.

Victim of Crash Dies

World War II veteran Miles Minick, 33, of Bellflower died Monday at Harbor General Hospital as the result of an automobile accident June 22 when his car ran into a crane in Torrance.

Minick's remains will be shipped to Cleveland, Tenn., for services and interment by Stone and Myers Mortuary.

Minick, who lived in the area for one year prior to the accident, is survived by his wife, Edna, his mother, two brothers, and three sisters, all in the East.

Mitchell is well known to many in Torrance where one of his enterprises, Columbi Structural Steel Co., was located at 1303 Jefferson St. His Torrance property was included in a deal which brought about consolidation with the Mahon company. Mitchell also is a director of the parent company.

SINCE ITS founding in 1911 the Mahon company's history has been one of steady, health growth. It is now made up of eight divisions: Steel-Weld, Industrial Equipment, Steel Warehouse, Structural Steel Insulated Metal Wall, Rollin Steel Door, M-Floor and Form and Steel Deck and M. Deck.

At a luncheon following the plant tour, Mayor Albert Ise presented a memorial key to the city to President Sheet who expressed satisfaction with the company's selection of the city as the new headquarters for Mahon-West.



WALTER G. MITCHELL Mahon-West Steel Executive

New Mahon Plant in Operation

R. C. Mahon company's new "Mahon-West" Torrance facility was placed in operation this week turning out Mahon building products for which the Detroit, Mich., firm has established a national reputation.

On Tuesday press representatives were escorted through the 200,000 sq. foot facility a 2600 Monterey where they inspected the \$3.5 million plant and office buildings located on the neatly landscaped 30 acre and witnessed actual production. Within two months, company executives predicted, operations should attain normal rates.

PROMINENT in showing the new plant were Walter F. Sheets, president of R. C. Mahon Co., and Walter G. Mitchell, executive vice president who will be general manager of the company's Western operation.

Powder Puff Derby Draws Record List of 85 Entries

With the entry list now closed, a record breaking 85 planes will start the 1960 All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, commonly referred to as the Powder Puff Derby.

Sponsoring officials said close to 160 women pilots will take off from the Torrance Municipal Airport at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 9. They have until noon on July 13 to cross the finish line at New Castle County Airport in Wilmington, Del. Distance is 2509 statute miles.

Mrs. Betty Gillies, chairman of the board of the All-Woman Transcontinental Air Race, Inc. said the start is being sponsored by the Long Beach Chapter Ninety-Nines (international organization of licensed women pilots), the City of Torrance, and the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The terminus is being sponsored by the Middle East Section of the Ninety-Nines, Inc. and the Wilmington, Del. Businessmen's Civic Assn.

Mayor Eugene Lammot of Wilmington will attend the Start ceremonies in Torrance according to Mrs. Barbara London, executive secretary of the AWTAR's, Inc.

Another first for the 1960 race will be the on-the-spot computations by Univac, Remington Rand Corp. This service will save endless hours of toil by race officials before the official winner can be announced.

Headquarters throughout the race will be the new Plush Horse Inn west of the Torrance Municipal Airport. This "nervous center" will be staffed 24-hours daily after take-off time on July 9th until all planes have completed the ocean-to-ocean hop and winner announced.

Torrance Airport Commissioner Joe M. Doss who is general chairman for host Torrance Chamber of Commerce, said social activities for contestants begin on July 4th and include luncheons, receptions, tours and banquets.

Highlight of the five-day program will be the "Take-Off Luau" expected to draw more than 600 people to the Polynesian Restaurant in Torrance.